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Agenda item 1
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decisions submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on Organizational Matters

Draft decision I

Arrangements for the special session

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly:

1. Invites Member States to participate in its special session on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development at the highest political level possible;

2. Decides that the special session should have a Plenary and an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

3. Further decides:

(a) That observers may make statements in the debate in plenary;

(b) To invite States members of the specialized agencies of the United Nations that are not members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

(c) To call for the participation of associate members of the regional commissions of the United Nations in the special session, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and the preparatory process thereof, in the same

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capacity of observer that held for their participation in the World Summit for Social Development;

(d) That representatives of United Nations programmes and other entities in the United Nations system may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

Draft decision II

Title of the special session

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly decides that the special session will be entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world".

Draft decision III

Accreditation and modalities for participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

The Preparatory Committee decides to defer consideration of the accreditation and modalities of participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session to the inter-sessional open-ended consultations to be held from 30 August to 3 September 1999, subject to a decision by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, with a view to adopting a decision in a one-day resumed session of the Preparatory Committee before the end of 1999.